



To Whom it May Concern:

Moon Brook Country Club has been associated with Raymond Hearn for nearly 20 years. The longevity of this relationship is a testament to his ability to understand the club's needs. He has been able to consistently address those needs while taking a strong layout and making it more interesting and playable. He has accomplished this without altering the original design intent.

In 2006 the club hired Ray to develop a new masterplan for the course. The old plan was loaded with changes that many felt were not consistent with the original design of the course. Ray delivered a plan that was overwhelmingly accepted by the membership. His research of Moon Brook and his knowledge of Willie Park Jr. allowed him to devise a plan that suggested minor changes due to his discovery of original sight lines. These changes involved altering mowing patterns, tree removals, and addition of new features. He also gave suggestions for nagging congestion problems and agronomic issues.

The implementation of the plan was started immediately. Tree removals were accomplished, fairways were recontoured, and collection areas around greens were mowed down to collar height. The impact was dramatic, and the cost minimal. The course became more interesting to play, with more shot options and thought-provoking situations. The membership was thrilled with the changes.

I have been the superintendent at Moon Brook Country Club for 26 years. Ray has extensive knowledge in turfgrass maintenance which I believe elevates his value to any club seeking a golf course architect. The changes he has suggested are always functional and appropriately maintainable.

The game of golf is constantly evolving, and Moon Brook has once again hired Ray Hearn to develop a new master plan in 2022 to take us into the future. The plan will make the course even more interesting and enjoyable for golfers of all skill levels.

I have enjoyed working with Ray. He is a true professional that has always provided results based on architectural integrity, agronomics, and the club's needs.

Sincerely,

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